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WATERWAY PROJECTS IN ODISHA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken by the Government for early implementation of the Waterway Project in Odisha, after enactment of National Waterway Act, 2008, alongwith the funds allocated so far, year-wise;

(b) whether the said Waterway Project would be implemented by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) or by the Central Government funding or by Asian Development Bank;

(c) if so, the details of progress made in this regard alongwith the steps taken for early allocation of funds for starting the work; and

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken to shift the IWAI office from Noida to the project site in Odisha for proper execution of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (c): Geonkhali-Charbatia stretch of East Coast Canal (217 km), Charbatia- Dhamra stretch of Matai River (39 km) , Talcher-Dhamra stretch of Brahmani- Kharsua- Dhamra River system (265 km) along with Mangalgadi- Paradeep stretch of Mahanadi delta Rivers (67 km) having a total length of 588 km. in the States of West Bengal and Odisha have been declared as National Waterway (NW-5) w.e.f. 25th November, 2008. Out of total length of 588 km., about 497 km. of NW-5 is in the State of Odisha. The efforts to develop more commercially viable stretches of NW-5 under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode with Viability Gap Funding (VGF) under India Infrastructure Project Development Fund (IIPDF) and PPP Pilot Project Initiative under the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Technical Assistance are in process. Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) has appointed a Transaction Advisor in this regard.

(d): IWAI has its Head Office at Noida (Uttar Pradesh). There is no proposal to shift the office from Noida to Odisha.